

DISASTER AT THE SOUTHERN BORDER

(Mr. GROTHMAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. GROTHMAN. Mr. Speaker, I rise to educate my colleagues and the public one more time as to what sort of disaster we are soon to have on the southern border.

Recently, we have had frequently 90,000 to 100,000 people cross the border every month. People of whom we know little. People are skipping to the head of the line over people who want to come here legally, people that come from countries that are hostile to us.

But as bad as it is to have 80,000 to 100,000 people come across, the Biden administration is claiming that within the next month and a half they will remove title 42, opening up the border to perhaps another 200,000 or 300,000 or 400,000 people a month above what we are already getting here.

I personally think they are doing this because the Ukraine war is going on, and they think they can really land a death blow to the future of this country by opening up the border to people all over the world.

I call upon American citizens and my colleagues to not forget about what is going on at the border. I call upon the press to treat this story with the gravity it should be given and to report on all the people who are going to come here in the second half of May.

We cannot have 400,000 people a month coming across the border.

UKRAINE CHILDREN

(Ms. DEAN asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend her remarks.)

Ms. DEAN. Mr. Speaker, while preparing remarks, I considered showing much more graphic photos of Ukrainian children brutalized at the hands of Vladimir Putin. But then I thought of some of the people who might see this—refugees of war, war veterans who would be reminded of their own pain and suffering.

The truth is, for survivors who actually see the end to war, the trauma never recedes, it never leaves. The cost of war is simply too high.

I come to the floor tonight not as a Congresswoman, but as a mother and a grandmother. My heart breaks at these sights of horror of children lost or scarred forever.

Last night, my son sent me a photo of a child who is nearly the same age as his daughter, my granddaughter. On her back, her mother had written her name, her contact information, her birth date in case the mother was killed, or the daughter was left alone.

I cannot imagine that planning—the fear, the despair, the trauma.

No matter the war, we must think of the children in Syria, Afghanistan, Ethiopia, Cameroon, anywhere on our planet.

I pray for peace for anyone suffering at the hands of a brutal dictator.

We must do everything we can to find a peaceful resolution.

“Slava Ukraini,” “Glory to Ukraine.” “Slava heroem,” “Glory to the heroes.”

ENOUGH IS ENOUGH

(Ms. JACKSON LEE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JACKSON LEE. Mr. Speaker, I will start with associating myself with my colleagues who have just spoken and say, “Glory to Ukraine” and to indicate that my heart is broken. The words will not elevate the despicable actions of Vladimir Putin.

Today we voted to secure and seek, I hope, an indictment. He is a war criminal, and he is killing children.

But I must, Mr. Speaker, suggest that we have a difficult problem at the border exacerbated by Governor Greg Abbott, who wishes to make a mockery of the desperate people coming, including Ukrainian refugees, who gather at the southern border. Today, he has announced that he will bus these migrants to Washington, D.C.

I am embarrassed.

With the likes of George H.W. Bush, Ann Richards, Henry B. Gonzalez, as well as Barbara Jordan, who are brothers and sisters of Texas, I now have to live with Governor Greg Abbott who disgraces us by suggesting that we must take migrants and drop them off on the steps of the Capitol.

I welcome them.

Why don't we sit down and resolve how we deal with these desperate people? Why don't we find a way, as we were trying to do with George W. Bush, to have an immigration policy? But when he does that, he will also do that to Ukrainian refugees at the southern border.

Enough is enough.

CRISES THE WHITE HOUSE IS CAUSING AT HOME AND ABROAD

The SPEAKER pro tempore (Mr. MRVAN). Under the Speaker's announced policy of January 4, 2021, the gentleman from Louisiana (Mr. JOHNSON) is recognized for 60 minutes as the designee of the minority leader.

GENERAL LEAVE

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, I ask unanimous consent that all Members have 5 legislative days to revise and extend their remarks and include extraneous material on the subject of my Special Order.

The SPEAKER pro tempore. Is there objection to the request of the gentleman from Louisiana?

There was no objection.

Mr. JOHNSON of Louisiana. Mr. Speaker, during the last election, the Democratic Party managed to win a razor-thin majority here in this House and a split Senate, 50-50. No objective

person can look at those numbers and suggest that the President of this party, President Biden, was given any kind of authority whatsoever to try to radically transform our country, but, you know, that is exactly what he has tried to do for the worse.

And the latest offense, the latest overstep, the latest overreach is this President has made the most leftwing nomination to the Supreme Court in American history.

For those who didn't see this over the weekend, Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson testified in her post-confirmation hearing written questions for the record: “I do not hold a position on whether individuals possess natural rights.”

You heard that correctly. President Biden's nominee for the highest court in this land cannot say whether individuals possess natural rights. We can hardly imagine a more un-American position than denying the first self-evident truth of America.

The central and foundational premise of our great country is that all individuals are endowed by their creator with certain inalienable rights. Among those are the right to life, liberty, and the pursuit of happiness.

We have a newsflash for the judge: Those rights don't come from government; they don't come from any human authority. They come from our creator himself. We are endowed with those rights by God.

The fact that Judge Jackson cannot or will not acknowledge this simple fact is disqualifying for the highest court in this land, period, full stop.

Mr. Speaker, the President's nomination is truly out of step with the country and this fateful moment.

And the primary job Americans elected President Biden to do was to help unite this country. This is doing the opposite.

His nomination for the Supreme Court is the latest example of just how badly he has failed.

I am very thankful to my colleagues for joining me on the floor this evening to discuss President Biden's radical nominee to the United States Supreme Court, but also, as you will hear, the myriad number of other crises the White House is creating at home and abroad.

Mr. Speaker, I yield to the gentlewoman from Illinois (Mrs. MILLER).

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Mrs. MILLER of Illinois. Mr. Speaker, title 42 is the only thing keeping President Biden from fully handing our border to cartels and smugglers already taking full advantage of his incompetence and neglect.

Last week, the Biden administration announced that they will be stopping Border Patrol from enforcing COVID-19 restrictions on illegal immigrants by ending title 42.

Title 42 must stay in place. It is a matter of national security, and my colleagues and I are calling on Democrats to act in a bipartisan effort to